

## **ATTACHMENT II**

# **LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS FUND PROGRESS REPORT**

**August 26, 1999**

**1. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY**

Academic Computing Section, LSU Medical Center-Shreveport

**2. PROJECT TITLE**

Internet-based Videoconferencing for Education, Administration, and Healthcare

**III. PROJECT LEADER**

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**IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

The specific aims of the project are: (1) provide gateway technology between the present and the new, internet-based videoconferencing system; (2) build a demonstration testbed for the new, internet-based videoconferencing technology; (3) migrate the best components of the testbed to a production level system that will be used by the project partners; and (4) produce a report that will be a blueprint that can be replicated efficiently and economically by other education and state agencies.

**22. PROJECT STATUS**

**1. Brief Summary**

The official start date for the project was July 1, 1999. In the first seven weeks of the project, we have ordered an MCU that will be delivered within the next 15 days. We have also begun to purchase a number of low-end and high-end H.323 codecs. We are now accepting bids to put all networking equipment in this pilot project under maintenance contract for the duration of the project. This maintenance contract will ensure that all software and firmware upgrades are available for all networking equipment.

2. Accomplishments

We have met with several consulting groups, and in mid-September, we will bring interested consultants together with the Project Steering Committee. A workshop will be conducted so that all project partners, the Steering Committee, and members of other interested state agencies can participate in this initial fact-finding workshop.

3. Problems Encountered/Action Taken or Planned

No major problems have been encountered in the first seven weeks of the project.

4. Major Milestones (Original vs. Current Estimate)

No major milestones were planned for the first seven months of the project.

**VI. COST VS. BUDGET**

Only a single item (camera) has been purchased and received.

**VII. ITEMIZED EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD**

Only a single item (camera) has been purchased and received at a cost of \$160. All other items are presently being bid or are not yet delivered.